



# Meet Zukisa Mnguphane

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Zukisa Mnguphane is from a small town called Butterworth in the Eastern Cape. He was good at academics but never really knew what he wanted to study after high school. After his qualification, he felt stuck, as he did not have the funds to continue. He taught Grades 10 and 12 at Candiz Academy, giving back to the community. It was at YearBeyond that he felt he had found his purpose and a sense of self.

## **What keeps you motivated?**

For me, it is about purpose. When I was accepted into the YeBo Academy, I was still finding my way. It felt like lightning struck when I realised that serving people was my purpose. When I hear someone say that I have helped them change their life, it makes me feel complete. I fulfill my purpose by helping other people develop, grow, and find happiness.

## **What has been the highlight of your journey so far?**

The YeBo Academy is home to me. I have learned a lot this year and have looked at things from a different perspective. Things at the YeBo Academy are done differently. You can engage with management and have meaningful, educational conversations.

## **Would you recommend this programme to others?**

I would. The YearBeyond programme is amazing. Young people are provided with the skills to develop themselves. They grow professionally and personally as well.

*This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Zizipho September*

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